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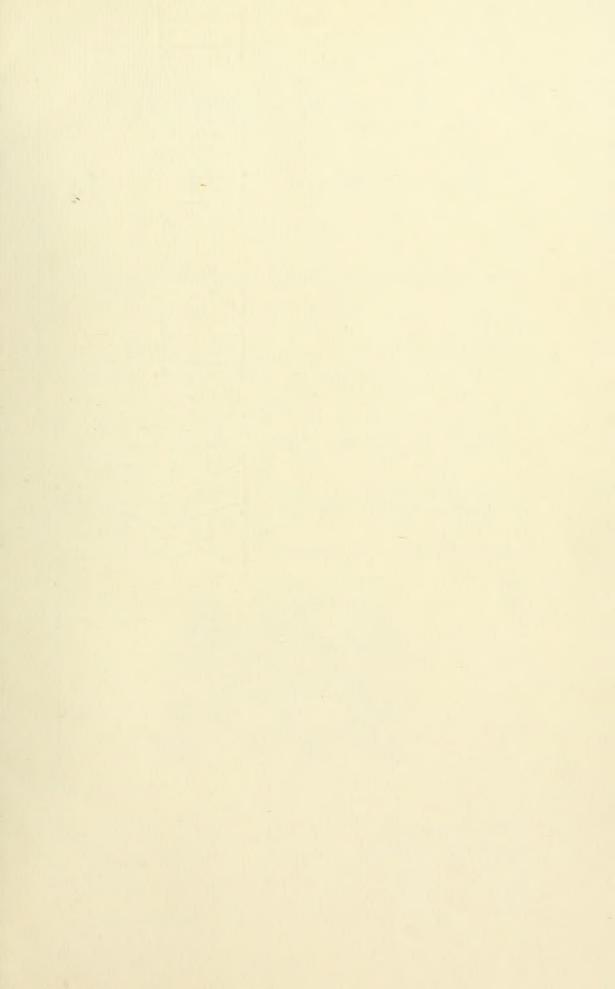


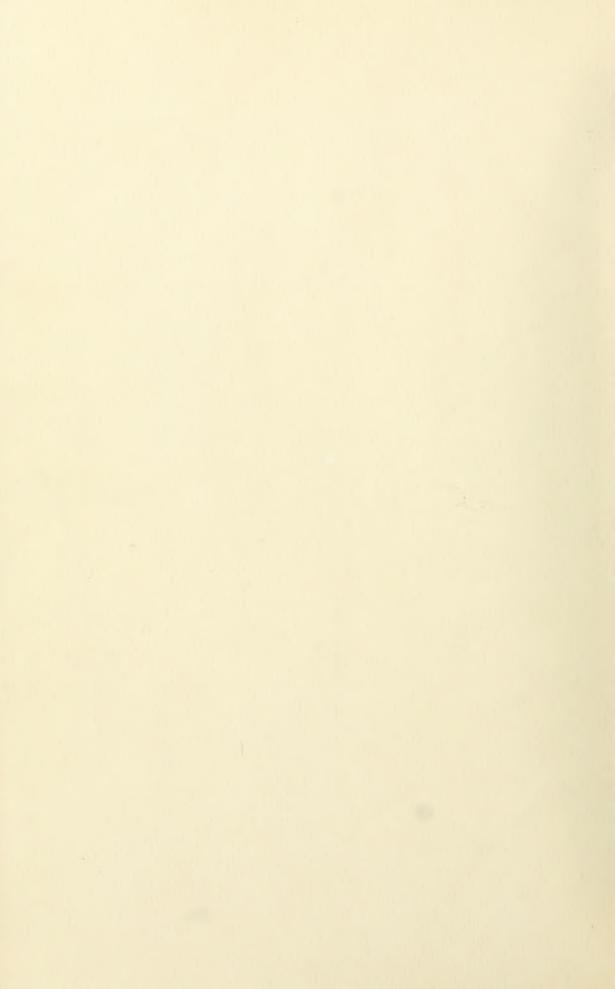
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Magna Britannia, Francia, & Hibernia,

SEPTIMO.

At the Parliament Summoned to be Held at Weftminster, the Eighth Day of July, Anno Dom. 1708. In the Seventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady ANNE, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c.

And by several Writs of Prorogation Begun and Holden on the Sixteenth Day of November, 1708. being the First Sefsion of this present Parliament.



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An Act for the better Preservation of Parochial Libraries in that Part of Great Britain called England.



Percas in many Places in the South Parts of Great Britain called England and Wales, the Provision for the Clergy is so Pean, that the necessary Expence of Books for the better Prosecution of their Studies cannot be Defenged by them; And whereas of late Pears, several Charitable and well Disposed Persons have by Charitable Contributions, Ereded Libraries within several Parishes and Districts in England and Wales; But some Pro-

vision is wanting to Preserve the same, and such others as shall be Provided in the same Nanner, from Embezelment: Be it therefore Enaced by the Queens most Excellent Naiesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament Asembled, and by the Authority of the same, That in every Parish or Place where such a Library is or shall be Ereded, the same shall be Preserved for such Ase and Uses, as the same is and shall be given, and the Orders and Rules of the Founder or Founders of such Libraries

hall be observed and kept.

And for the Encouragement of such Founders and Benefadors, and to the Intent they may be Satisfied, that their Pious and Charitable Intent may not be frustrated, Be it also Enaced by the Authority aforesaid, That every Incumbent, Redor, Cietar, Minister, or Curate of a Parish, before he shall be Permitted to Ale and Enjoy such Library, shall enter into such Security by Bond, or otherwise, for Preservation of such Library, and due Observance of the Rules and Orders belonging to the same, as the proper Ordinaries within their respective Jurisdictions in their Officeetion shall think sit; and in case any Book or Books belong.

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ing to the laid Library hall be takenalizy and Detained. It half and may be Lawful for the fair Incumbent. Bedor. Elear, Pluster, or Eurate for the time being, or any other Perfanor Perfans, to bring an Adion of Trover and Convertion, in the Rame er the proper Ordinaries within their respective Jurisdianons, whereupon Treble Damages thall be given with full Colls of Built, as if the same were his or their proper Look or Looks, which Damages thall be applied to the Ass and Tonellt of the saw

Library. and it is further Enaacd by the Authority albrefair. That it hall and may be Lawful to and for the proper Ordinary, or his Commissary of Official in his respective Jurisdiction, or the Urch. Deacon, or by his Direction his Official or Surrogate, it the fair Arch. Deacon be not the Incumbent of the Place where fuch Library is, in his or their respective Elistration, to emmire into the State and Condition of the laid Liviaties, and to amond and rediels the Grievances and Octoks of and concerning the fame. as to him or them thall feem meet; and it thall and may be Lawful to and for the proper Ordinary from rime to time, an often as Mail be thought fit, to appoint such Person or Persons as he half think fit, to diew the State and Condition of fuch Librarico, and the faid Ordinaries, Arch Deacons or Officials refreathely, thalf have free Accels to the fame at fuch Times as they Mall respectively Appoint.

And be it also surther Enaced by the Authority asoresaid, Chat where any Library is Appropriated to the Ale of the Dinister of any Parish or Piace, every Recor, Areas, Pinister or Eurate of the same, within Sir Ponths after his Institution, Industion or Admission, hall make or early to be made a New Catalogue of all Books remaining in, or belonging to such Library, and thall Sign the said Catalogue, thereby acknowledging the Eustody and Possession of the said Tooks, which said Catalogue to Signed, thall be delivered to the proper Ordinary within the time asoresaid, to be kept or Register in his Court, with

out any fee or Reward for the same.

And be it further Enaced by the Authority aforciaid, That where there are any Parochial Libraries already Ereded, the Incumbent, Redox, Aicar, Minister, or Curate of such Parish or Place, shall make or cause to be made a Catalogue of all Books in the same, thereby acknowledging the Custody and Possession thereof, which Catalogue so Digned, shall be delibered to the proper Ordinary, on or before the Nine and twentieth Day of September, which shall be in the Pear of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and nine; and where any Library shall at any time hereafter be given and Appropriated to the Association, are spinister, or Curate in Possession, such Incumbent, Redox, Aicar, Minister, or Curate, shall make or cause to be made a Catalogue of all the Books, and Deliber the same, as aforesato, within Sir Months after he shall receive such Library.

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And to pievent any Emberelment of Books upon the Death or Remobal of any Incumbent, Be it also Enaced by the Authority assistant, Chat immediately after the Death or Removal of any Incumbent, Ready, Aicar, Hindler, or Curate, the Library belonging to such Parish or Place that he forthwich that up, and Locked, or otherwise Secured by the Church-warden or Church wardens for the time being, or by such forten or Persons as shall be Authorized or Appointed by the proper Ordinary, or Arch Deacon respectively, so that the same shall not be Opened again, till a new Incumbent, Ready, Aicar, Pinister, or Curate shall be Indused or Admitted into the Church of such Parish or Place:

Provided always, That in case the Place where such Library is or hall be kept that be used for any Publick Occasion for Decting of the Clestry, or otherwise, for the dispach of any Insures of the said Parish, or for any other Publick Occasion, for which the said Place hath been Ordinarily used, the Place thall nevertheless be made use of as formerly for such Purposes, and after such Business dispatched, that be again forthwith Shut and Lockt up,

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And he it also further Enaced by the Authority aforesaid, That for the better Preservation of the Books belonging to such Libraries, and that the Benefactions given towards the same may appear, a Book shall be kept within the said Library for the Entring and Registring of all such Benefactions, and such Books as shall be given towards the same, and therein the Binister, Redox, Cicar, or Eurate of the said Parish or Place, shall Enter or cause to be fairly Entred such Benefaction, and an Account of all such Books as shall from time to

And for the better governing the said Libraries, and preserving of the same. It is hereby surther Enaced by the Authority asociation, That it shall and may be Lawful to and for the proper Ordinary, together with the Donor of such Benefaction (if Living) and after the Death of such Donor, for the proper Ordinary alone, to make such other Rules and Orders concerning the same, over and above, and besides, but not contrary to such as the Donor of such Benefaction shall in his discretion judge sit and necessary; Which said Orders and Rules so to be made, shall, from time to time, be Entred in the said Book, or some other Book to be prepared sor that Purpose, and kept in the said Library.

And it is further Enaded and Declared by the Authority aforefaid, That none of the faid Books hall in any case be Alienable, nor any Book or Books that thall hereafter be given by any Benefador or Benefadors thall be Alienated without the Consent of the proper Ordinary, and then only when there is a Duplieate of such Book or Books; And that in case any Book or Books be taken or otherwise lost out of the said Library, it thall and may be Lawful to and for any Justice of Peace within

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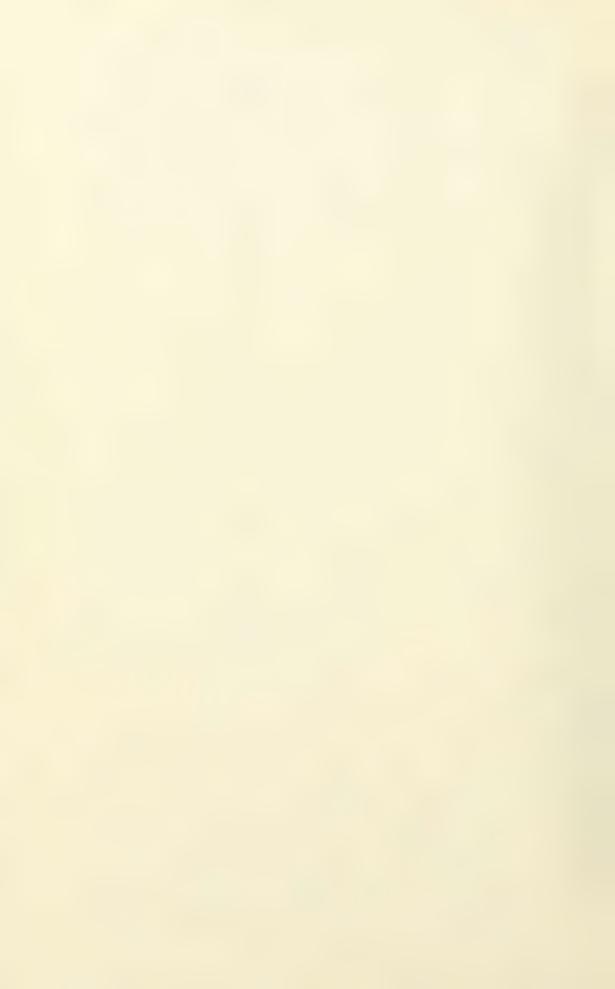
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the contrary in any wife notwithstanding. Provided always, That nothing in this Ad contained hall ertend to a Publick Libzary lately Ereded in the Parish of Ryegare in the County of Surry, for the Ase of the Freeholders, Clicar, and Inhabitants of the faid Parish, and of the Gentlemen and Clergymen, Inhabiting in Parts thereto adjacent; the said Libjary being Constituted in another manner than the

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